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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT FOR  
GUB

REF: RANGOON 1410, STATE 250043, PROAG 74-1, JUNE 29, 2974

1. EA INTER AGENCY WORKING GROUP HAS CONSIDERED EMBASSY PROPOSALS TO WIDEN SCOPE OF NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE PROVISION OF FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT, INFARED PHOTOGRAPHIC CAPABILITY, RADIOS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY THAT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COMMODITY ASSISTANCE WHEN SUCH EQUIPMENT IS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED FOR THE BURMA PROGRAM.

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2. EA INTER AGENCY WORKING GROUP HAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED

AND S/NM HAS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED SUPPLYING RADIO PACKAGE PROPOSED REFTEL, PARA 4C. WE HOPE TO OBLIGATE FY 75 FUNDS FOR THESE ITEMS. INSTRUCTIONS ON RENEGOTIATING CURRENT AGREEMENT TO RAISE FUNDING LEVEL WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

3. WE HAVE DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC TYPE OF AIRCRAFT TO BE SUPPLIED, ITS AIRBORNE RADIO, AND INFRA RED PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT PACKAGE UNTIL MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT PLANS FOR GUB USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY ENTERING INTO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH

GUB, WITHOUT COMMITTING USG TO PARTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION,

ON PLANNED UTILIZATION OF REQUESTED EQUIPMENT. WE INTEND ALSO TO DISCUSS AT LENGTH GUB NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION PLANS WITH BURMESE OFFICIALS ARRIVING NEXT WEEK WITH VIEW TOWARD CLOSELY TAILORING OUR COMMODITY SUPPORT TO GUB NEEDS AND UTILIZATION CAPABILITIES.

4. IN ORDER PROCEED PER REFTEL PARA 5, WE WISH EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH GUB BASIC BURMESE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND ITS POPPY ERADICATION PROGRAM, IF ANY, AND THE LINKAGE WITH PROPOSED CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT; WHETHER PLANS INCLUDE NIGHT FLIGHTS, AND IF NIGHT FLIGHTS PRACTICABLE; WHETHER GUB INTENDS (OR NEEDS) TO DO A COMPLETE MOSAIC MAP OF NORTHERN BURMA TO LOCATE POPPY FIELDS IF IT DOES NOT PLAN LAUNCH MAJOR ERADICATION EFFORT; AND IS ITS INFRA RED PACKAGE ONLY TO LOCATE CARAVANS AND REFINERIES, ETC. BASICALLY WE NEED KNOW WHAT IT IS GUB WANTS INFRA RED AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT FOR, AND HOW SOPHISTICATED CAN OR SHOULD THE GEAR BE.

5. WHILE WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER INFO BEFORE CONSIDERING TYPE OF AIRCRAFT TO BE SUPPLIED AND IF REQUIRED, IT APPEARS THAT F-27 TRANSPORT IS UNNECESSARILY LARGE FOR EITHER PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSION, AND AIRCRAFT SUCH AS NORTH AMERICAN TURBO-COMMANDER OR BEECHCRAFT "KING AIR" WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE.

6. AS FOR REQUEST OF 110 NIGHT VISION DEVICES, WE WOULD  
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LIKE FURTHER JUSTIFICATION AS TO NEED FOR SUCH A LARGE NUMBER. NORMALLY, SUCH DEVICES ARE NOT SUPPLIED TO EACH SOLDIER ON A MISSION. INSTEAD, USUAL PRACTICE IS TO PROVIDE ONE DEVICE PER SQUAD. IT WOULD GREATLY AID US IN THIS REGARD IF EMBASSY COULD SUPPLY DETAILED INFORMATION ON GUB PLANS AND TACTICS FOR CARAVAN INTERCEPTION AND REFINERY DESTRUCTION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT. KISSINGER

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